

CONGRESS

Senate tax overhaul hits a late snag

GOP rewriting bill to win deficit hawks; a final vote is expected today

By Marcy Gordon and Stephen Ohlemacher
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » The Senate Republican tax bill, which had appeared to be cruising to victory and picked up a key swing vote Thursday, suffered a significant setback late in the day as lawmakers were forced to contemplate significant changes, includ-

ing future tax increases, to help pay for the legislation. The bill had gained momentum in the morning when it picked up a key swing vote. But it came to a grinding, if temporary, halt, as senators scrambled in the early evening to find ways to raise several hundred billion dollars after some members objected to moving forward without a plan to safeguard against ballooning

the deficit. Lawmakers are now considering alternatives, including reinstating the alternative minimum tax on some corporations and wealthy individuals, and raising the corporate rate above 20 percent after some number of years. A final vote on the bill is expected today after a series of amendments are considered.

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Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., arriving for votes on Capitol Hill in Washington on Monday, said Thursday he'll vote for the tax reform bill.
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ROCK CONCERT



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Emanuel Wood, left, and Ed Shute, who have been living at Friendship Shelter's homeless facility in Laguna Beach, say they're eager for their big moment as the opening act Saturday for Eric Burdon and The Animals at the Irvine Bowl.

OPENING ACT HAS PAID SOME DUES

Two homeless guitarists will set stage for Eric Burdon and The Animals

By Theresa Walker
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Many nights at the ASL emergency homeless shelter in Laguna Beach, Ed Shute and Emanuel Wood entertain themselves in the downtrodden surroundings by jamming on a pair of guitars. Both have been homeless off and on for years, struggling with substance abuse. Small wonder they are good at playing the blues. But as baby boomers, they like their rock 'n' roll, too.

"They're popular guys and everybody wants them to be successful."

— Dawn Price,
executive director
of Friendship Shelter

Shute, 57, knows lots of tunes by heart but has to borrow an instrument from someone else. He couldn't keep his own with him while out on the streets. Wood, 67, strums a fairly new guitar he bought in town so he could busk on a street corner. He also blows a mean harmonica. Their audience never has been more than the several dozen homeless people at the shelter or passing tourists who might toss Wood a few dollars. Until now. They'll be the opening act Saturday night for head-

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SAN FRANCISCO

Undocumented man acquitted in murder case

'We're just shocked,' says father of woman shot to death on pier

By Angela Ruggiero
Bay Area News Group

SAN FRANCISCO » In a stunning verdict sure to reignite a national firestorm over illegal immigration, a San Francisco jury on Thursday found an undocumented immigrant not guilty in the shooting death of Kate Steinle two years ago on a San Francisco pier.

The jury, which included three immigrants, found Jose Ines Garcia Zarate

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STATE DEPARTMENT

White House plans ouster of Tillerson

Sources say CIA's Pompeo would replace secretary amid strained relations with Trump

By Peter Bake, Maggie Haberman and Gardiner Harris
The New York Times

WASHINGTON » The White House has developed a plan to force out Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson, whose relationship with President Donald Trump has been strained, and replace him with Mike Pompeo, the CIA director, perhaps within the next several weeks, senior administration officials said Thursday.

Pompeo would be replaced at the CIA by Sen. Tom Cotton, a Republican from Arkansas who

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Investors enthused over tax bill and economic data push the three major Wall Street indices higher. BUSINESS ON NEWS 10

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The cheerfully dim Gomer Pyle actor dies

Jim Nabors loved to exclaim "Golllllll-ly!" in Mayberry and later portrayed a bumbling Marine recruit. NEWS 7

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